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SILVER ANNIVERSARY of GRIDIRON CLUB



GRIDIRON CLUB MAKES MERRY ON 25TH BIRTHDAY

Fun and Feasting Mark Silver Anniversary.

PRESIDENT TAFT JOINS

Takes Part in Organization's Most "Delightful Time."

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" in New Dress. Era of High Prices Not Forgotten. A Gathering Remarkable for the Distinguished Character of Its Personnel—Even the Ladies Were There—Lots of Lively Music.

All the highbrows will be there; All the dignitaries; Free from every vesting care, Saint and also sinner. Won't we have a jolly time While we eat and drink our wine, Thus we greet our guests in rhyme, At our silver dinner.

—A new version of an old song.

Twenty-five years!

A quarter of a century of fun and feasting.

No wonder that the silver anniversary dinner of the Gridiron Club at the New Willard last night was an event long to be remembered. Those who were fortunate enough to be present carried away with them a beautiful silver souvenir ornamented with the symbol of the organization. Like the crystal ball which creates visions, the artistic little memento of polished metal will in the future awaken memories of an ambrosial night.

BRILLIANT SCENE.

If you happily managed to crawl in under the canvas, gentle reader, you will gaze upon the silver gift and see again a banquet hall, brilliant with electric glow and redolent with the perfume of flowers; a gathering of distinguished men, chief among whom were the President and Vice President of the United States; and especially will you see again the two-score of Gridironers, who, in spoken word and tuneful rhyme, afforded an entertainment of genuine delight. From the moment when President Taft, standing by the heavy velvet curtains which hung at the entrance to the room of mirth, personally shook the hand of every guest, until the hour of midnight struck, there was no cessation of good things. The wheel of fun whirled merrily and fast.

Twenty-five years! And the Gridiron Club has not grown cynical nor stale. Heaven forbid!

Entertainment for Great People.

And there were ladies present, too. Just think of it. One of the rules of the club is that ladies are always present at the dinners. Of course, the ladies—heaven bless them—are not there at all, but the rule is a gentle reminder for propriety's sake. Last night, however, when the rule was announced, a surprise was in store for everybody. The curtains of the balcony were drawn apart and there were the ladies!

Only the "ladies" were perfectly lovely figures, gowned in the latest fashion and transferred from an F street window to the Gridiron banquet hall. They never spoke nor smiled!

And now, where shall the story of the night begin? There is so much of it to tell. There was "Uncle Joe's Cabin, or Life Among the Insurgents," wherein more than one member of the club disguised his manly beauty under a coating of burnt cork; and the Infant Industries, a bunch of ordinarily dignified and sedate gentlemen, arrayed in kindergarten togery and calling loudly upon Mother Nature (who sacrificed his luxuriant mustache in order to look the part) to protect them from the indignant "Infant Consumer"; and a clever skit about the State Department; and a humorous reference to the new District Commissioners; and songs and witticisms—the whole affording, as the theatrical hand-bills say,

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COL. ANDREWS DEAD

Chairman of Pennsylvania Republican Committee.

NATIONAL FIGURE FOR YEARS

Senators and Representatives Unite in Paying Tribute to Veteran, Who Has Left Long and Interesting Record Behind—Will Be Buried in New York.

After an Illness of Three Weeks, Col. W. R. Andrews, chairman of the Republican State committee of Pennsylvania, private secretary to Senator Penrose, and secretary of the Senate Committee on Post-offices and Post roads, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning in his apartments at the Portland. Death was caused by pneumonia.

With him when the end came was his half-brother, W. H. Andrews, delegate in Congress from New Mexico.

Col. Andrews was seventy-two years old, and had been a familiar figure about the Capitol for fifteen years.

Funeral services will be held at the Fordham at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. E. G. R. Pierce, chaplain of the Senate, and Rev. Robert M. Moore, pastor of Foundry M. E. Church, will officiate. Honorary pallbearers will be Senators Penrose and Oliver, Representatives Olmsted, Bingham, Daizell, Bates, and Cooper, and other members of the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress.

Burial to Be in New York.

The body will be taken to New York at 9 o'clock Monday morning by Col. Andrews' brother and grandson, C. A. Singer, Jr., of New York, and will be buried in Woodlawn Cemetery beside the dead man's wife and daughter.

Gov. Stuart, of Pennsylvania, who is in Washington, said, speaking of Col. Andrews' death:

"I was greatly shocked to hear of the death of Col. Andrews. He was a man with an infinite capacity for details, and he had a remarkably wide acquaintance throughout the State. It will be difficult to fill his place."

Senator Penrose said:

"I feel the death of Col. Andrews as a personal bereavement. We were so closely associated for so many years that it is as if a member of my family had been taken away from me. Col. Andrews knew and was known by practically every man in public life in Pennsylvania, and had a large circle of friends in the wide field of national activities."

"He was appreciated by all. But I believe I had more reason than any to appreciate the qualities which made him invaluable in campaign after campaign and in the detail work not only of our State committee, but also of the committee of the Senate, of which he was secretary."

"It is no perfunctory tribute to say that his loss will be felt."

Friend of All Alike.

Senator Oliver said: "It is not only the Republican organization of Pennsylvania that will feel a sense of loss in the death of Col. Andrews. He was best known as a party man, it is true, but they who enjoyed intimacy with him carried his personal qualities which, esteemed into all

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Fair, and continued cold to-day and to-morrow; brisk westerly winds.

his work, made it a pleasure to be in contact with him at all times. He had heart as well as head. No one who knows the work he did as chairman of the Republican State committee, whether party associate or political opponent, undervalued his mental qualities."

DIVORCE BRINGS JOY.

Hotel Man Spends Thousands in Merrymaking.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Madison, Ill., Feb. 5.—Ziva Staishim, owner of a hotel here, and reputed to be worth \$200,000, to-day became so joyful when granted a divorce at Edwardsville that he at once spent \$2,000 to show how good he felt.

Of the amount \$20,000 was voluntarily given to his three children, who are now in Austria with their mother. Sending out couriers from Edwardsville to gather his friends at Madison and Granite City, Staishim started homeward, lavishing money as he went.

At Madison, he celebrated with hundreds of friends and acquaintances, and then sent through the byways and highways of Granite City to get still others to aid him in making merry.

Summoning as many as his hotel would hold, Staishim spent the remainder of the evening there, showing them how happy he was to be a free man again. He is said to have spent \$5,000 during the day for the entertainment of his friends.

JOHN W. PUTTS DEAD.

One of the Leading Retail Merchants of Baltimore.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 5.—John W. Putts, one of the leading retail merchants of Baltimore, died suddenly to-night at his home, 2902 Eutaw place, of heart trouble.

The announcement of the engagement of his son, Dr. Swayne Putts, of the Pennsylvania State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at Mount Alto, Pa., and Miss Edna Buehl, of Zellenople, Pa., was just made to-day.

Mr. Putts' store was at the corner of Park avenue and Lexington street, and he termed it "The glass palace." He is survived by a wife and five children.

EXTRADITION LAW GOES OVER.

Senate Discusses Question of Enlarging the Revised Statutes.

The question of enlarging the scope of the Revised Statutes relating to the extradition of criminals from one State to another so as to permit of extradition based on information duly filed by a prosecuting attorney brought about a discussion in the Senate yesterday in which nearly all the lawyers in that body, as well as the former governors of States, of whom there are twelve, took part.

After two hours of debate the bill, which annexes section 578 of the Revised Statutes, went over until Monday.

"Castalia"

—Is the purest water I ever examined."—W. M. Mew, Late Chemist, Surg. Gen. Of.

Special To-day, Carnations, 50c. Jonquil, 75c. Blackstone, 14th and H.

COMET TO LOOK LIKE BALLOON NEAR VENUS

Scientists Say It Is a Million Times Larger Than the Earth, and, Instead of Affecting This Planet's Orbit, Will Be Affected by Us.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Prof. Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., said to-day:

"Halley's comet, on which all eyes in the astronomical world are now centered, is about 1,000,000 times as big as the earth. Yet, although the earth's gravity may change the orbit of the comet, the earth's path through the sky will be unaffected by the approaching proximity of the two bodies."

This supplements information contained in a "circular respecting observation of Halley's comet, 1910," which has just been issued by the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America. The circular says that an expedition to observe and photograph Halley's comet from the Hawaiian Islands is to be sent out by the society and sets forth that:

"In view of possible large perturbations arising from the close approach of the comet to Venus on May 1, and to the earth on May 18, meridian observations are especially desired during the period in which the comet is sufficiently bright for that purpose."

"What are these possible large perturbations?" Prof. Frost was asked.

"That merely means," was the reply, "that on those dates the comet will be near enough to the planets mentioned to be affected by their attraction."

"Will that affect their orbits?"

"It won't affect the orbit of Venus or of the earth, but it is likely to affect the comet's orbit. That is one reason why we want to get meridian observations, which will show almost exactly these orbital changes."

"There will be an interesting spectacle, by the way, on May 1, when the comet is near to Venus. The planet and the comet will be practically the same distance from the earth and every one will be able to see their relative size."

"The comet's bulk exceeds that of Venus about 1,000,000 times. It is not solid matter, however. It is gaseous, and its mass is comparatively slight. Therefore, its attraction will not affect the planet's. While the solid heavy planets are likely to affect it a good deal, the earth and Venus are about the same size, so that the earth, too, is about one-millionth the size of the comet."

Frederick Ellerman, of the Solar Observatory at Pasadena, Cal., will head the Hawaiian expedition.

ELEVEN DIE IN MINE.

Colliery Near Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Feb. 5.—An explosion of a pocket of gas at the Rochester and Pittsburg Coal Company's mine, at Ernst, near this city, to-day caused the death of eleven miners, all foreigners, and married, except one, Mike Harrington, son of Foreman John Harrington. Only one man in the heading escaped, and he may not survive.

Five members of a truck crew heard the explosion, and went to the aid of their comrades. They were burned and partially overcome. Their fate did not deter Foreman Harrington from organizing another party, and starting to effect a rescue.

Harrington, who had a son in that deadly place, was made faint from after damp, and had to be carried out.

Until late in the afternoon rescuers fought their way along hastily constructed brattices in an effort to reach the men, and at 4:30 o'clock their car returned with the bodies. "News of the bringing out of the bodies brought hundreds to the scene. A sad sight was that of a heartbroken lad of twelve looking for his father in the dead house."

Mrs. Vincent Taffmire thought her husband was visiting in Indianapolis, and was telling neighbors of his fortunate escape when his lifeless form was brought to the house. He had returned this morning and gone directly to work.

CRUSHING DEFEAT FOR MADRIZ MEN

End of War in Nicaragua Is Now in Sight.

LOYAL TROOPS LOSE 1,100

One Maxim Gun and Many Prisoners Are Captured.

Two Engagements Near Santo Domingo Opens Way for Revolutionists to March on the Capital—The Policy of Madriz Said to Be as Cruel as that of Zelaya—Courier Is Shot Without a Trial.

Bluefields, Feb. 5 (by wireless to Colon).—News was received by special courier and telegraph yesterday that Gen. Mena, commanding a force of revolutionists, had inflicted a crushing defeat to Gen. Vasquez, the government commander.

Two engagements were fought, the first at Las Garitas, near the heights of Santo Tomas, where the enemy was routed from a strong position with the loss of 500 men, and the second at Santa Clara, where the government troops attempted to make another stand, losing 600 men.

One Maxim gun and many prisoners were captured. The utter rout of the government force, which comprised the rear guard of President Madriz's army, compels it to fall back on Santo Domingo.

Gen. Chamorro, who commands part of the Estradist army, is now on the way to Granada. Gen. Mena has sufficient men to isolate the forces of Gen. Vasquez.

ENTHUSIASM AT BLUEFIELDS.

The victories have caused great enthusiasm in the interior and at Bluefields. Volunteers are joining Gen. Chamorro in large numbers. It is estimated that Gen. Estrada's forces now number 6,000 men.

Gen. Chamorro outflanked the forces and marched to Colon, miles from Santo Domingo. Combined forces of Gen. Chamorro and Gen. Vasquez are expected to reach the capital.

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